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For: IMPLANT, METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THE IMPLANT, AND USE OF THE  
IMPLANT

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Examiner: T. Sweet

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following references which were not available to applicant's representative prior to payment of the issue fee before the issuance of the above-captioned patent. It is respectfully requested that the references be placed in the file of this patent without consideration. Listing of the references on Form PTO/SB/08 is submitted herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21547-00286-US.

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